



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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David W. Johnson, Treasurer  
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Lisbon, OH 44432

**Response Due Date:**  
**March 15, 2007**

Identification Number: C00413633

Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/06 – 9/30/06)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's further review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Your report discloses a transfer of joint fundraising receipts on 7/6/06. Your Memorandum Schedule A disclosing your share of gross receipts appears to include receipts which were previously reported as memo Schedule A on your July Quarterly Report and in support of a different transfer of joint fundraising receipts. These receipts as reported would constitute excessive contributions (see attached). Please amend your report to provide memo Schedule A containing only the required information for the transfer during this reporting period, or explain the apparent duplicate receipts. (11 CFR § 102.17(c)(8)(i)(B))

-Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than an authorized committee or qualified multi-candidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,100 per election. An authorized committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in

excess of \$2,000 per election. A qualified multi-candidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR § 110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information. If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount.

Excessive contributions may be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive portions are properly redesignated or reattributed. Guidelines for each option are provided below:

For reattributions, excessive contributions from individuals can be retained, if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount is properly reattributed to another person. Please note that reattributions only apply to excessive contributions from individuals. An excessive contribution is considered properly reattributed if (1) the contributors provide the committee with written documentation, signed by each contributor, authorizing a reattribution and indicating the amount of the contribution to be attributed to each contributor, or (2) the committee reattributes, by presumption, the excessive portion of the contribution if the contribution was made on a written instrument from a joint account and was signed by only one of the account holders. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributors in writing within 60 days of receiving the contribution that the committee intends to reattribute the excessive portion and must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(k)(3)(ii)(B))

For redesignations, the funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt the excessive amount is properly redesignated for a different election. An excessive contribution is considered properly redesignated if (1) the committee obtains signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election, or (2) your committee redesignates by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution for another election provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case,

the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B)) Please note that you cannot presumptively redesignate an excessive contribution from a multi-candidate committee. Also, a contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed the committee's net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i))

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt of the contribution, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks and/ or letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund, redesignate, and/or reattribute of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

**Please note you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any

questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1132.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Jones", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Jones  
Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division

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Excessive and/or Prohibited Contributions  
 Blasdel for Congress  
 (C00413633)  
 October Quarterly Report (7/1/06 - 9/30/06)

P = Primary Election  
 G = General Election

CONTRIBUTOR NAME		DATE	AMOUNT	ELECTION	Report
Schar	Douglas	10/31/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 July Quarterly Report
Schar	Douglas	10/31/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 October Quarterly Report
Schar	Sarah	10/31/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 July Quarterly Report
Schar	Sarah	10/31/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 October Quarterly Report
Schar	Teresa	10/31/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 July Quarterly Report
Schar	Teresa	10/31/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 October Quarterly Report
Vlock	Michael	11/22/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 July Quarterly Report
Vlock	Michael	11/22/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 October Quarterly Report
Clemente	Christopher	10/31/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 July Quarterly Report
Clemente	Christopher	10/31/2005	\$ 1,187.00	G2006	2006 October Quarterly Report
Whatman	Thomas	5/3/2006	\$ 2,100.00	G2006	
Whatman	Thomas	9/6/2006	\$ 1,000.00	G2006	

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